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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, KU
SUBJECT: HEALTH OF AMIR OF KUWAIT

REF: KUWAIT 267

1. KUWAIT PRESS INDICATES THAT AMIR'S SON, SHAIKH SALEM SABAH AL-SALEM, MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOR, VISITED AMIR IN ENGLAND ABOUT JANUARY 19 AND, UPON RETURN TO KUWAIT JANUARY 20, TOLD REPORTERS THAT AMIR IS "IMPROVING DAY BY DAY" AND IS SO MUCH BETTER THAT HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN WAS GIVEN VACATION (AL ANBA, JAN. 20). SHAIKH SALEM SABAH IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE AMIR WILL RETURN "SOON" TO KUWAIT AND THAT THE SAUDI ARABIAN KING IS IN "CONSTANT CONTACT" WITH THE AMIR (AL RAI AL AM, JAN. 20).
2. QUOTING UNNAMED GOVERNMENT SOURCES, AL SIYASAH OF JANUARY 21 ASSERTS THAT THE AMIR WILL "ADDRESS THE PEOPLE ON THE NATIONAL DAY" (FEBRUARY 25) IN A SPEECH OF "VITAL IMPORTANCE".
3. COMMENT: REPORT DOES NOT POSITIVELY CONFIRM THAT THE AMIR WILL RETURN TO KUWAIT BEFORE FEBRUARY 25 TO SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE. THE USUAL MODE OF ADDRESSING THE NATION IS BY RADIO, RATHER THAN IN PERSON, A JOB WHICH PRESUMABLY COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED FROM

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